

NOTES FROM THE MARCH BUSINESS MEETING:

A motion was introduced that DCTRA change the dues paying system. It was proposed that the dues be changed to \$12.00 per year and that all dues are due in January of each year. Any new member joining during the year would be prorated until the following January. This system would make it easier on the club members in that they would all know when their dues are due. This would make it easier on the membership chairperson and treasurer. This motion was tabled until the April business meeting so that the entire club membership could be advised. Voting will take place at the April business meeting.

A motion was introduced and carried that a central post office box be established for DCTRA. This would be a permanent address for the club and any correspondence would be directed to this post office box. This would eliminate any change of address when the club changes officers. Ralph Davitt volunteered to secure the post office box and advise the club of the new address.

The November 1984 newsletter contained a form that each club member was asked to fill out to update the club records on new members. Since a poor response was received, this form is appearing again. Look for it in this issue and please fill it out and return it to the meeting or mail it in to the club.

Two new members joined the club; Paul and Becky Hedstrom. The Coles won the door prize drawing.

Marian Gallen, Secretary

FOR SALE:

TR-250 EXCELLENT CONDITION, RED WITH BLACK INTERIOR, \$6,500.00. NADINE NEW, 2237 EAST BLANCHE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 602-992-8095.

1957 TR-3, EXCELLENT CONDITION, ASKING \$5000.00. ALSO 90% COMPLETE PARTS CAR AND MORE EXTRA PARTS. ROBERT BELFAST, 7247 SOUTHPARK, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 89117 OR LEAVE MESSAGE AT 702-871-8543.

WANTED: 1962-1967 SPITFIRE MK 1 OR 2. BODY AND FRAME, OR COMPLETE CAR. NON-RUNNING PREFERRED, NO RUST OR SERIOUS DAMAGE. TOM PIPER, 602-289-5674, P.O. BOX 952, WINSLOW, ARIZONA 86047



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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER  
OF  
THE DESERT CENTER  
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(Affiliated with TRA and VTR  
National Organizations)

DCTRA  
P.O. Box 8062  
Scottsdale, Arizona

Club Officers:

JOHN GALLEN	PRESIDENT	938-4426
JIM HUGHES	VP & EVENTS	899-1030
MARIAN GALLEN	SECRETARY	938-4426
DEBBIE LAMB	TREASURER	
JACK LIVINGSTON	NEWSLETTER ED.	832-7859
TOM PENNELL	MEMBERSHIP	951-8472

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year. For Applications and additional information write to the club address or call one of the officers listed above.

NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, APRIL 9, 1985  
HUNAN Restaurant  
near the corner  
of 16th and Camelback

The DCTRA meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday of the month and meet at the above restaurant.

## ...from the Prez



It was great to see such a great turnout of club members at the recent Eloy Gran Prix. There were approximately 30 members that I saw, plus they all brought friends and relatives which really made for a great turnout. The racing was excellent with some very thrilling moments. Tom's plight for the day was affected by water, not the lack of, but to much of it.

The real "Digger Davitt" Mystery continues to plague DCTRA. It was very confusing at the last business meeting when all the club members were wearing "Digger" name badges. Those stinking name badges were so that I could not tell who the real "Digger" was and not to confuse me. I am confused enough without all these "Diggers" running around. Maybe next month the real "Diggers" will come forward and put an end to all my confusion.

There is a strong rumor coming out of California about a TRA WEST '85 which will be held in mid-October. I hope something official is soon forthcoming and I'll let everyone know at the next meeting. If by some unforeseen chance California doesn't host the event, there are several club members who have told me that they would not let the tradition die and will plan a TRA WEST in Phoenix for sometime in October. All this and more will be revealed at the next business meeting.

DCTRA is gaining an international reputation. I recently received a phone call from a TR owner in Canada who was going to be in the area for a week and wanted to know if we had any event(s) going on that he could attend, we didn't unfortunately, but we will continue to keep in touch by mail. If you have missed any of the monthly meetings recently, you've been missing a great time. We have had excellent turnouts and look forward you seen all of you at the next meeting.

'Til we meet again, remember to hug your "Digger" today, and if you can't find a "Digger", hug your TR.

JOHN

"...Time to move on..." DCTRA has just lost a good member and his family. Bill & Betty Fussner have moved to Memphis, TN. But, we are still attached to them. Before they left Bill and the Petersons swapped cars. So Bev and Pete's '59 TR-3A went to Tennessee and Pete has another project car to play with. Bill is committed to TR's and took with him the address of the TR club in TN, and now he can drive to a TR meeting in at TR, and not a 'vette. Happy Motoring, BILL & BETTY.

## NEWS FROM THE RACING FRONT

The 6th annual ELOY GRAN PRIX is history. The readers of the DCTRA newsletter are (I hope) specifically interested in how the no.4 Spitfire fared over the weekend, so here goes:

As some of you are aware, the Yellow Beast underwent major surgery in the three weeks preceding the Eloy Gran Prix, receiving a "Heart Transplant" in the form of a Toyota 1600 racing engine. The car has now been dubbed a "TOYOFIRE" or (if you prefer) a "SPITCTA". What it really is, is a ROCKET! The Toyota 2TC motor gives it at least 2, maybe 2.5 times the horsepower the Spitfire motor made. Acceleration is phenomenal. The result was the third fastest time in the group, putting us third on the grid for the Saturday "Mayor's Race". After passing the Datsun 510 for 5th, your intrepid race driver made a 1-inch miscalculation between turns 3 and 4 and hung a rear wheel into the tire wall. The left front suspension, spindle, and disk brake were instant junk, but all of the important bits survived. In the Sunday race, the radiator overflow tank filled up and geysered all over the ignition coil, putting an end to the weekend for us.

Although we had our problems, we had a good time and learned a great deal about our hybrid creation. We are looking forward to the next ASRA race (April 28 at PIR) to explore more of the new racer's potential, and we would also like to see if the car will go!

Profuse thanks to the following for their assistance:

DIGGER DAVITT: Got "replacement parts" Saturday night on 5 minutes notice.

BEN NORTH: Went miles out of his way to deliver the parts for the Sunday morning suspension rebuild.

ARMAND LACASS AND JEFF BAILEY: The working pit crew, the guys who did all of the HARD work, changing tires, bolting on parts, cleaning and adjusting everything in sight.

TOM AND CARL LARSEN: provided muscle and moral support (and beer) for the entire weekend.

NICK WALKER AND DAVID PRESCOTT: Non-members whose assistance helped ready the car for Sunday's race.

Also many thanks for the moral support provided by all those DCTRA members who came to cheer us on. Look for us at PIR on April 28 for more excitement. (We are all finished demonstrating the capability of the race car to operate either-side-up).

Tom Pennell and Bob Schaller

**DEADLINE:** Please input any info for the May newsletter by Tuesday April 30.

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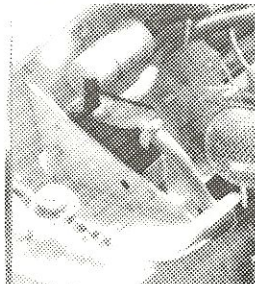


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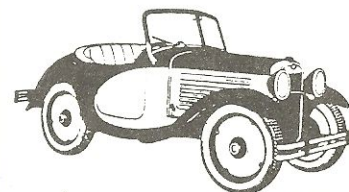


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The CAST Committee needs volunteers to man signup tables at events. To volunteer call John Minnesota at 952-0873.

## FUN PLANNER



**LINDVIG'S CAR  
MUSEUM**

Unique in all America, the collection features early small autos exclusively. It includes such Marques as the American Austin, this country's first sub compact.

You will see the Messerschmitt, Bantam, Giardinera, Fiat, Gogomobil, Vespa, and even a 2 cylinder Mazda!

For some it will provide a return to memories of yesteryear, and to others it will be a new adventure. To each it will be a fascinating and interesting journey into the past.

There is no other collection like it.

APRIL 9 REGULAR MEETING, HUNAN'S 7 P.M.  
APRIL 27 FREE...TOUR OF LINDVIG'S CAR  
MUSEUM, 9:30 A.M. - NOON  
10651 North Cave Creek Road

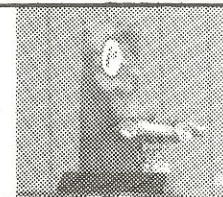
MAY 3 FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT RALLY  
7 P.M., THOMAS MALL Club trophy  
for the first place TR CAR.

MAY 14 REGULAR MEETING, HUNAN'S 7 P.M.  
MAY 18 WESTERN NIGHT PLANNED-- DETAILS  
TO FOLLOW.

MAY 25, 26 & 27 CAMPING WEEKEND  
HENNEGAN'S MEADOWS  
CO-EVENT CHAIRPERSONS--  
JEFF BAILEY 274-9714  
TOM LARSEN 275-1398

**FFNR April**

**"...and the winner is..."**



# 10 for 10

## at Mesa Car Show

For the record the AAHC 12th Annual Parts Exchange and Car Show was a success. There were over 150 vendors in the parts area Saturday and Sunday, and over 400 cars in the car show Sunday. We had 10 cars sign up--and 10 cars show up. At the risk of offending the local Chamber of Commerce the gray skies did not darken the spirits of everyone attending the show. Row after row of shining automobiles from almost every era adorned the parking lots on Mesa Community College. If you couldn't find your favorite marque, you missed 10 lovely Triumphs that turned out for the festivities. Many thanks to the following club members for entering your cars JACK LIVINGSTON, JEFF BAILEY, BILL STEWART, CHUCK WRIGHT (A NEW MEMBER IN HIS NEW RED, TR3), THE COLES AND THEIR TR 250, FRED PECK, HANK ZAREMBA, DEBBIE LAMB AND WHILE THE PENNEL'S WERE ABSENT THEIR CAR WAS PROUDLY ON DISPLAY. Now we have to wait until the AAHC awards picnic at South Mountain Park, Sunday, 14 April 1985 to see who gets the prizes (two plaques and four rosettes).



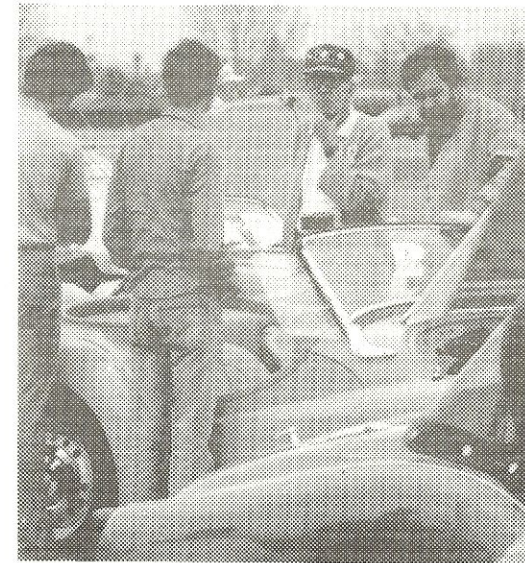
Fred Peck is undaunted by comments and onlookers. "I don't care what you say, I'm going to finish waxing the car and then you will notice the difference." We didn't!



"So, this is where all began." Jack Livingston and TR-6 owner hasn't solved all the mysteries of the TR-6, but now knows where its strengths come from.



Bill Stewart uses his knock-off as a foot rest and continues to talk about the joys of owning a TR.



The real "Digger" Davit appears lost in a sea of TRs and is looking for a way out. Jeff Bailey and company do not appear to be offering any assistance.



PHOENIX, ARIZONA

# AAHC AWARDS PICNIC

WHERE: SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK  
COMPLEX AREA

WHEN: APRIL 14, 1985

TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

VOLLEYBALL: 10:00AM

AWARDS: NOON

DOOR PRIZES: 1:00PM

ALL CAR CLUBS AND AUTO HOBBYIST'S ARE INVITED  
TO PARTICIPATE.

ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH.  
NO GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN THE PARK.  
MOTOR VEHICLES RESTRICTED TO THE PARKING LOT.  
TURN LEFT AT GATE HOUSE TO ENTER COMPLEX.



## Club Membership Data

In the Nov '84 newsletter, there was a one half page form included asking each member to fill it in and send it in to the PO box. The data would be used to get our membership roster current, correct, and complete.

As of about two weeks ago, a grand total of six (yes, six!) completed forms had been received. A pathetic 10% response!

So, we will try one more time and wait two or three weeks after this mailing and then publish a new membership roster. So if "your" data is obsolete or incomplete, it is not the club's fault.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if o.k to call)

Triumph Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Expiration Dates:  
TRA \_\_\_\_\_ VTR \_\_\_\_\_ VTR no. \_\_\_\_\_